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HUNGARY SMUGGLES STRATEGIC GOODS FROM NEAR EAST

During the past months, Hungary has established successful trade relations with Near Eastern markets, including Arabia, Israel, and Cyprus.

Hungary receives nonferrous metals, such as copper, bronze, and lead, in exchange for industrial machinery, matches, and other mass-produced items.

To protect her trading partners from the censure of the West, Hungary falsifies the bills of lading, describing the merchandise as "household goods"; she is protected in turn by having the metals cast in the mold of drinking cups, plates, etc.

Whereas Arabia and Cyprus sell domestic products, Israel serves as the middleman in the trade of nonferrous metals and other strategic commodities. Originally destined for Israel, Mexican copper or lead from Malay is reloaded on Hungarian boats at Haifa and Jaffa. In the port of Galati, the merchandise is transferred to Danube barges, which convey it to Csepel.

Although the Hungarian fleet of seagoing vessels is small, its ships make many calls at the ports between Alexandria and Galati, even at the British-controlled Port Said.

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